

ROOSTER ADOPTED BY ENGINE NO. 1899

Big Locomotive "Foster Mother" to a Crippled Fowl.

"HANK" IS THE CREW'S PET

Had Been Run Over by a Train. Saved by Nursing—Sleeps in Cab.

WINSTED, Conn., Dec. 12.—Engine No. 1899 has adopted a rooster. "Her" engineer, E. H. Crozier, swears "she" has, and certainly the rooster is devotedly attached to his pious foster mother. Wherever "she" goes, there goes the rooster, which, although slightly disabled, is still in the ring," Crozier says, the proudest bird in the Naugatuck valley.

"She," or Crozier, has named the rooster "Hank." He went to Torrington today, to Bridgeport yesterday, to New Haven on Saturday.

Sleeps in Cab. "Hank" sleeps in the engine-cab o' nights at Waterbury, and is becoming the pet of all the railroad men on the Naugatuck division of the New Haven railroad.

When "she" was running past the Turner Manufacturing, at Livingston, a month ago, Crozier and his fireman, J. E. Downs, of Waterbury, saw "Hank" hopping and tumbling about near the tracks. Merciful men, they halted "her" and picked up the rooster.

A train had run over him, cut off a wing, and so narrow was his escape, part of his bill.

Nursed Back to Life. The nursed him tenderly, and after his wounds healed, "Hank" would not leave "her" and those who had befriended him.

When "she" starts, "Hank" jumps on the coal in the tender, and Downs is mighty careful not to scoop him up in a shovel and throw him in the fire-box. When "she" comes to a standstill the rooster hops into the cab and to the ground, sometimes, while his chums oil "her" joints. From now on, "Hank" crows only when he is hungry, then the engineer and fireman share their food with him.

FIGHT OVER GIRL; LAWYERS PUNCHED

Pittsburg Attorneys' Scuffle Forces Court to Adjourn.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 12.—Bitter verbal clashes between counsel culminated in a personal encounter between Attorneys John Marron and L. K. Porter, leading members of the Allegheny county bar, at the hearing before Alderman Mc-Masters of the charges against officers and agents of the Anti-Cruelty Society, alleging gross misconduct and mismanagement.

Porter's attack followed a statement by Marron regarding Emma Sehrg, a fifteen-year-old ward of the society, who also acts as maid for Mrs. P. L. Kunz, matron of the society's home at Mont-town.

It had been asserted that the girl had been sent to a disorderly house. Marron remarked that "while she might be guilty of indiscretions, the prosecution was shot trying to convict children."

Porter stepped forward, and, shaking his fist under Marron's nose, shouted: "You dirty, filthy, lying cur! How dare you insinuate such things!"

"You're a fool!" retorted Marron. "You're a liar!" answered Porter. "That doesn't prove anything; you're another!" was the answer.

Porter, with many oaths that consorted well with the unprintable utterances of Marron, swung for Marron's face. The latter ducked, and the two rushed at each other. Attorneys Lee and Carney parted the men.

WATER INCREASE \$80,000 FOR YEAR

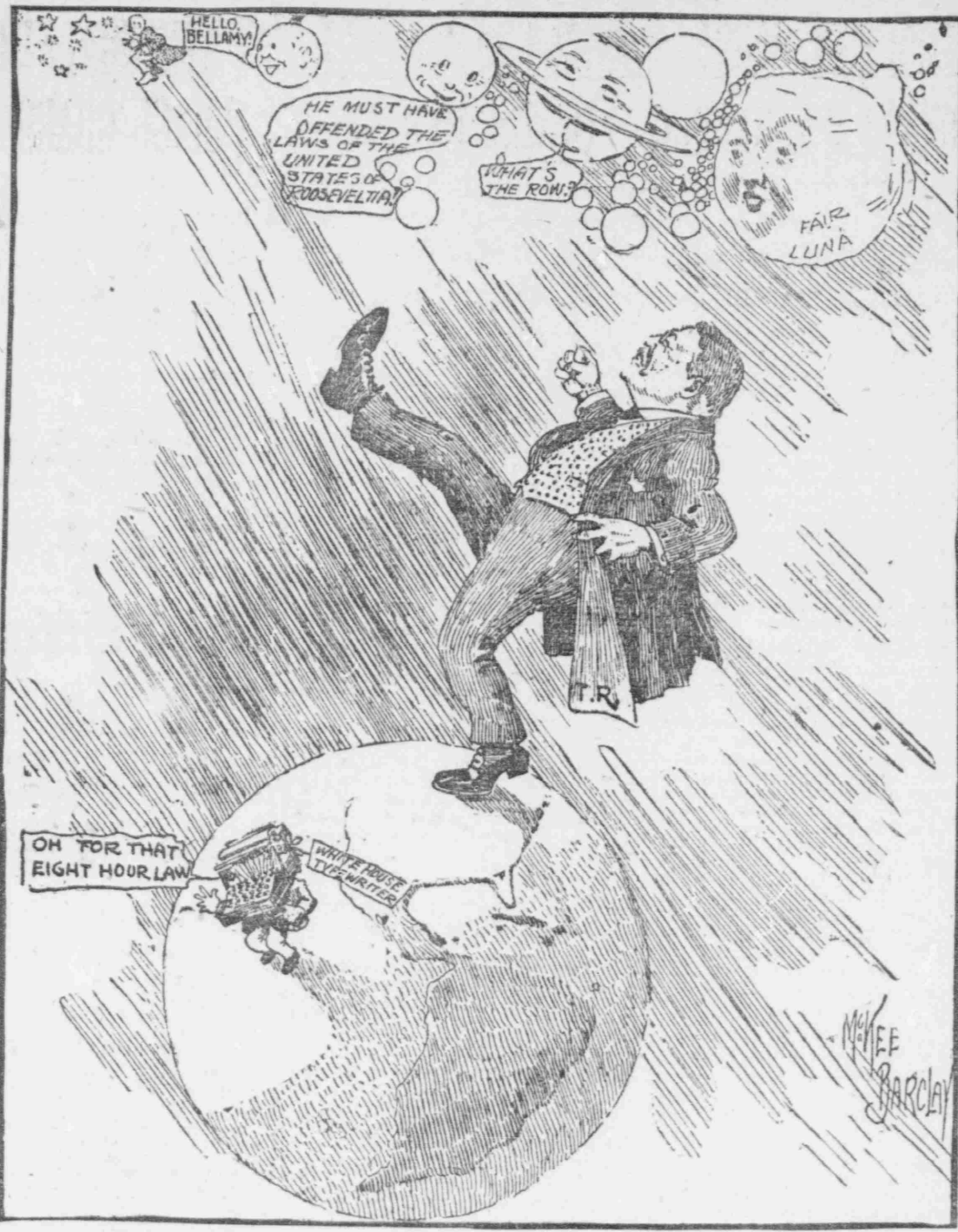
District property owners have paid, under the increased water rates, \$80,000 more this year than last, according to George W. Wallace, District water registrar, whose total water rent collections from July to December of this year amount to approximately \$400,000. The water department is not only self-sustaining, but it is credited with the increased water collections will in time act to offset the outlay for installing water meters in private residences. For this purpose \$100,000 was appropriated at the last session of Congress, and to complete the project it is estimated that \$750,000 will be needed. The officials of the department are now considering the advisability of asking Congress for permission to expend the net receipts for the installation of the meters after this year, instead of by an appropriation for that purpose.

YALE MEN MEET; OFFICERS ELECETD

Secretary Metcalf, of the Department of Commerce and Labor, was yesterday elected president of the Yale Alumni Association of Washington, at the annual meeting of the society, held in the Ebbitt House.

The other officers elected were: First vice president, A. A. Adde, Assistant Secretary of State; second vice president, F. L. Allen, Commissioner of Patents; secretary, G. X. McLarnhan; treasurer, W. W. Parker; historian, G. G. Lincoln; executive committee, Capt. E. A. Pratt, John B. Osborne, Morris Sheppard, J. R. Stauffer, and R. F. Hume.

HOW IT LOOKS TO A CARTOONIST



—From the Baltimore News.

Definition of Whisky Puzzles Commission

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LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 12.—"What is whisky?" However easy the answer may seem to the man who "puts it away," the problem is one with which the United States Commission on the Purity of Food wrestled a long time without getting much nearer the solution than it has heretofore been.

One of the objects of the meeting of this commission here is to fix upon the standard which will be called for under the pure food law. Rendering the task more difficult is the open warfare between the bottled-in-bond men and the rectifiers, the former of whom were charged by Attorney Warwick M. Hough at yesterday's sessions with "trying to idealize" one method of manufacturing.

Their contention is that neutral spirits, which, with prune juice for flavoring and coloring matter, has been marketed as whisky, is not whisky at all. The rectifiers claim that it is as much whisky as the product bottled in bond.

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INSPECTOR QUILTS PRINTING OFFICE

Charles S. Brown Returns to Native State to Enter Business.

Chief Inspector Charles S. Brown, of the Government Printing Office, has tendered his resignation to Public Printer Charles Stillings, effective immediately, and his desk is now vacant. The vacancy has not yet been filled, although it is understood that Public Printer has under consideration several available applicants.

Chief Inspector Brown is a native of Michigan, and it is said at the printing office, accepted the position for only one year. It was stated that he would return to his native State for the purpose of engaging in business there, being identified with several private enterprises and having large interests at home, that demand his attention.

An announcement is expected in the very near future as to the selection of Mr. Brown's successor.

Commissioner West and Capt. James F. Oyster, of the Board of Education, enjoy the distinction of having received the thanks of the House subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee for preventing needless expenditure of the District's money.

Mr. West had explained to the subcommittee that he had held up vouchers for certain books which it was desired to have purchased for the public schools. Captain Oyster then addressed the subcommittee, explaining how important it was to maintain a close scrutiny of such vouchers. The subcommittee then thanked both Mr. West and Captain Oyster for the interest and action they had shown in the matter of economy.

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RETURNS TO MICHIGAN



CHARLES S. BROWN, Who Resigns Chief Inspectorship at Printing Office.

LID PARTLY LIFTED IN GOOD OLD BOSTON

Now Possible to Get a Drink in Hotels Up to Midnight.

BOSTON, Dec. 12.—Midnight reveals with Bacchus have at last become a reality in Puritanical Boston. The "lid" has been given a lift by the voters who have voted to accept a law which will allow drinks to be served in hotels up to midnight.

For many years Boston shut up tight at 11 o'clock, and the dash for the pole was a simple problem compared to the other side door of easy virtue. Now all is changed, and the accumulations may proceed unconfined until midnight.

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STUDENT SMOKERS MUST PAY LICENSE

KENTON, Ohio, Dec. 12.—It has remained for President Albert Edwin Smith, of the Ohio Northern University, at Ada, to devise a course against student smokers that it is believed will be more effective than mere preaching. President Smith's plan is to require student smokers to pay \$1 per term more tuition than those who do not use the weed.

In chapel this morning Dr. Smith said: "All pipe-smokers and cigarette smokers; in fact, all smokers of tobacco in any form, will be taxed \$1 per term more than others in the future. This extra tuition is to be a license for the habit."